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In Re Application of:

Jeffrey L. Rice, et al.

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Examiner: Cheryl Ann Juska

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For: RECYCLABLE, RUBBER-LIKE THERMOPLASTIC BACKING  
MATERIAL USED IN A THROW-IN MAT FOR A VEHICLE FLOOR

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Dear Madam:

This paper responds to the Advisory Action in the above-entitled application, mailed August 19, 2004. This response is being filed as a result of a telephonic conference held with Examiner Cheryl Juska in which she agreed to consider a post-final amendment designed to overcome the §102 rejection of independent claim 12.

The Applicants will address all the points raised by the Examiner and demonstrate that the present invention is patentable.

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